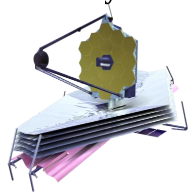
50+ years of NASA Mirror Technology Development:

from Hubble to JWST and Beyond



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- WHERE IS THE U.S. GOING IN SPACE ?
- WHAT PROSPECTIVE NATIONAL GOALS REQUIRE NEW SPACE OPTICS ?
- SPACE ASTRONOMY
  - RESOLUTION
  - ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROSCOPY
  - INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY
- PLANETARY PROBES
  - LASER COMMUNICATION

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SPACE ASTRONOMY NEEDS

- LARGE - APERTURE DIFFRACTION – LIMITED OPTICS
  - 2 METER
  - 3 METER
  - 10 METER
- FINE POINTING SYSTEMS (< 1/100 SEC.)
  - ALL WAVELENGTH TRANSFER LENS
  - PRECISE TORQUER GIMBALS
  - FREE FLOAT TELESCOPES
- SPACE MAINTAINABILITY
  - ALIGNMENT AND TUNE – UP
  - MODULAR SERVICING
  - SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS FLEXIBILITY

Perkin-Elmer 1967

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Space Task Group report to the President, September 1969

"A Long-Range Program in Space Astronomy", position paper of the Astronomy Missions Board, Doyle, Robert O., Ed., Scientific and Technical Information Division Office of Technology Utilization, NASA, July 1969.

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55 years ago in 1957 Space Astronomy Changed

On Oct 4, 1957 the world changed – Sputnik was placed in orbit around the Earth – and the Space Race was begun.

NASA formally opened for business on Oct. 1, 1958.

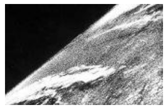
State of Art before Sputnik

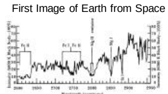
There are two important dates for American Space Astronomy before Sputnik:

10 Oct 1946, the first Ultraviolet Spectrum (to 210 nm) of the sun was obtained via a small film camera spectrograph mounted on a German V-2 Rocket launch by Von Braun's group at White Sands, NM.

25 Sept 1957, the first launch of Stratoscope I.


US test launch of a Bumper V-2


First Image of Earth from Space


First UV Solar Spectra from Space

Stratoscope I & II – 1957 to 1971

Stratoscope I (initial 25 Sept 1957)
- Conceived by Martin Schwarzchild
- Build by Perkin-Elmer
- 30 cm (12 inch) primary mirror
- Film recording

Stratoscope II
- Conceived by Martin Schwarzchild
- Build by Perkin-Elmer
- 90 cm (36 inch) primary mirror
- Payload 3,800 kg
- 25 km altitude
- Film & Electronic

MSFC Launch September 9, 1971

Space Astronomy

But,

Rocket Missions last for only a few minutes

Balloon Missions operate in the presence of Gravity and have a relatively 'soft' ride.

And neither are truly space.

The Berkner Telegram

On July 4, 1958, Dr. Lloyd Berkner, Chair of the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences, sent telegrams requesting suggestions for scientific experiments that may be performed by a satellite with a 50 kg capacity & fly in 2 years.

Proposals were due in 1 week. He got 200 responses.

This telegram and its responses lead to the OAO program.
- Kick-off meeting was in 1959
- Ames defined Requirements
- GSFC was lead center
- Grumman was Prime.

Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (OAO)

From 1966 to 1972 NASA launched 4 OAO satellites

All had UV Science Experiments

OAO-I	April 1966: Failed due to corona arching.
OAO-II	Dec 1968 (on Atlas Centaur) to Jan 1973
OAO-B	Nov 1970: Failed, Atlas Centaur didn't achieve orbit
OAO-C	Aug 1972 to Feb 1981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OAO-II, B, and C Experiments and Principal Investigators

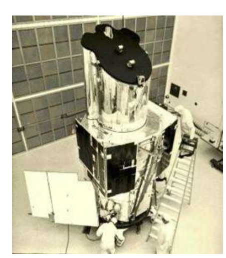
Spacecraft	Experiment	Principal Investigators
OAO-II	University of Wisconsin Experiment	Dr. A.D. Code, Dr. T.E. Houck Univ. of Wis. Space Astronomy Laboratory
	Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Experiment	Dr. F. Whipple, Dr. R.J. Davies Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
OAO-B	GSFC Experiment	Dr. A. Boggess II - Goddard Space Flight Center
OAO-C	Princeton University Experiment (Princeton Experiment Package)	Dr. Lyman Spitzer, Dr. John B. Rogerson, Jr.; Princeton Univ.
	University College, London England	Prof. R.F.L. Boyd - University College, London

OAO-C (Copernicus)

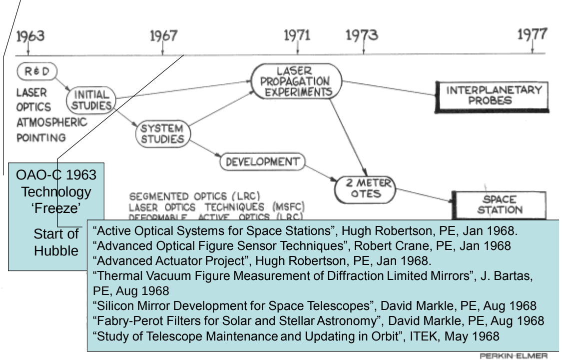
OAO-C had two Science Experiments

Princeton Experiment Package was a UV Spectrometer
- 81 cm Cassegrain telescope
- Built by Perkin-Elmer for Princeton
- Fine Guider achieved 0.1 arc-sec pointing

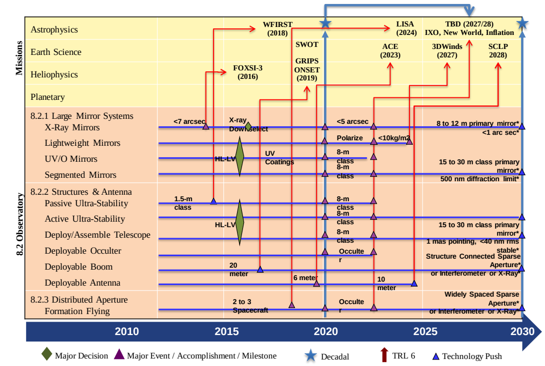
London Experiment X-Ray Package
- 3 small x-ray telescopes
  - 5.5 cm2 for 3 to 9 Angstroms
  - 12 cm2 for 6 to 18 Angstroms
  - 23 cm2 for > 44 Angstroms
- Deep parabolic grazing incidence mirrors
- 'first' piggy-back experiment
- 'first' x-ray telescopes in space?



NASA SPACE OPTICS TECHNOLOGY PLAN



8.2 Observatories Roadmap (OCT, 2011)



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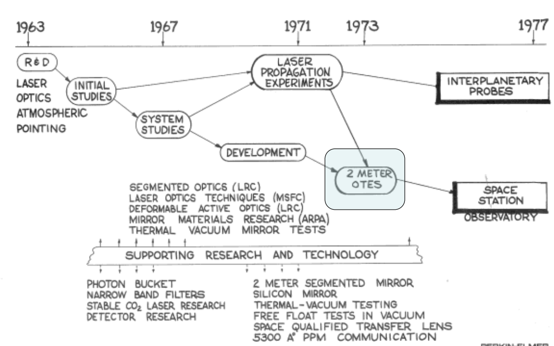

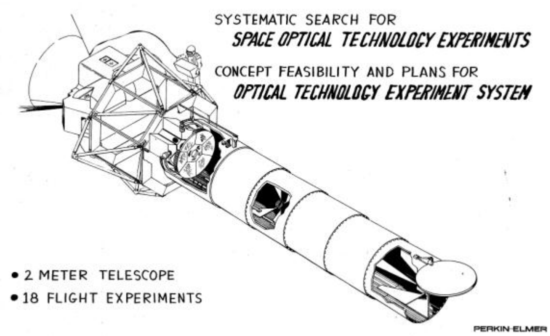

Optical Technology Experiment System (OTES), PE, 1967
Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP), PE 1969

2-METER OTES JUSTIFICATION

PROVIDE NASA WITH DATA FOR NATIONAL SPACE OBSERVATORY

- ORBITAL ALTITUDE DECISION DATA
  - DAYLIGHT ASTRONOMY
  - POINTING DISTURBANCES
  - THERMAL BALANCE
- MANNED SPACE ASTRONOMY TECHNIQUES
  - ERECTION
  - ALIGNMENT
  - MODIFICATION
  - MAINTENANCE
- PRIMARY MIRROR EVALUATION
  - ACTIVE OPTICS: SEGMENTED TESTS, DEFORMABLE TESTS, THERMAL TESTS
  - MATERIALS: QUARTZ, SILICON, CERVIT, BERYLLIUM
- POINTING DEVELOPMENT
  - TRANSFER LENS
  - FREE FLOAT
  - FLEXURE GIMBALS
  - CLUSTER — AUTONOMOUS MODES

PERKIN-ELMER

"Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP)", Perkin-Elmer, Aug 1969

Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP)

Funded by the NASA Apollo Application Office

NASA is seriously searching out meaningful goals for after the most successful Saturn-Apollo missions to the lunar surface.

The new science and technologies of space labs and solar observatories are in the immediate future.

Data … are critical for settling major questions in cosmology:

is the Universe infinite or not."

"Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP) Executive Summary", Alan Wissinger, April 1970

National Astronomical Space Observatory (NASO)

Initial Specifications:

- Operated at permanent space station
- Aperture of 3 to 5 meters
- Spectral Range from 80 nm to 1 micrometer
- Diffraction limit of at least 3 meters (0.006 arc-seconds) at 100 nm.
- Interchangeable experiment packages
- Life time of 10 years
- Field Coverage = 30 arc min
- Pointing Accuracy of 6 milli-arc second
- Thermal control - -80C +/- 5 C
- Mass (telescope only) = 5500 lb

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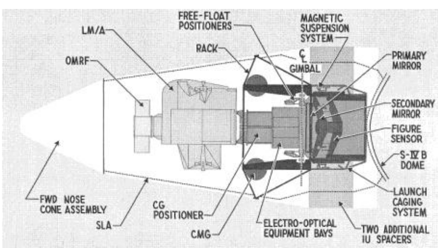
Initial Launch Configuration for Saturn IB



"Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP)", Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Jan 1970

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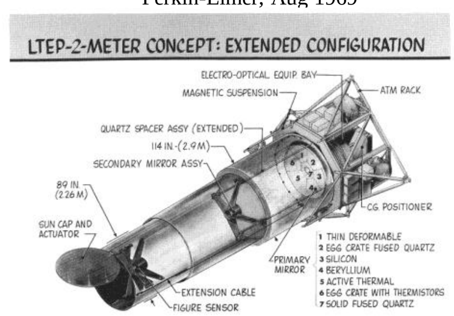
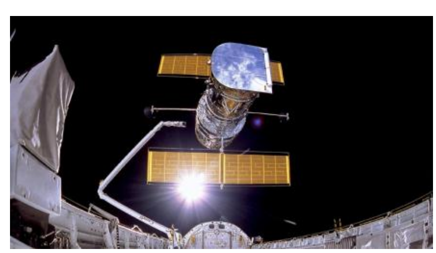


"3-meter Configuration Study Final Briefing", Perkin-Elmer, May 1971

Hubble Deployment April 25 1990



Next Generation Space Telescope Study

In 1996 (based on the 1989 Next Generation Space Telescope workshop and the 1996 HST & Beyond report) NASA initiated a feasibility study.

Science Drivers

Near Infrared	1-5 microns (.6-30 extended)
Diffraction Limited	2 microns
Temperature range	30-60 Kelvin
Diameter	At least 4 meters (“HST and Beyond” report)

Programmatic Drivers

25 % the cost of Hubble	Cost cap - $500 million
25 % the weight of Hubble	Weight cap ~3,000 kg

Baselines for OTA study

Atlas IIAS launch vehicle	**Low cost launch vehicle**
L2 orbit	Passively cool to 30-60 K
1000 kg OTA allocation	Launch vehicle driven

Study Results ….

Science requires a 6 to 8 meter space telescope, diffraction limited at 2 micrometers and operating at below 50K.

Segmented Primary Mirror

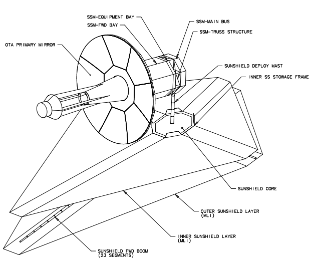
The only way to put an 8-meter telescope into a 4.5 meter fairing is to segment the primary mirror.

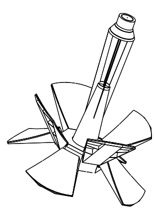
Mass Constraint

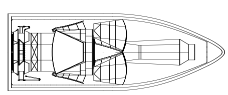
Because of severe launch vehicle mass constraint, the primary mirror cannot weight more than 1000 kg for an areal density of < 20 kg/m2

Such mirror technology did not exist

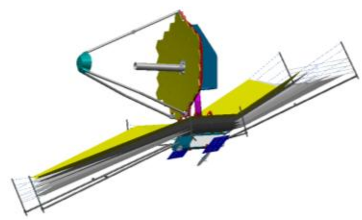
Reference design – Lockheed / Raytheon







Reference design – TRW/Ball



LAMP Telescope - 1996

Optical Specifications

- 4 meter diameter
- 10 meter radius of curvature
- 7 segments
- 17 mm facesheet
- 140 kg/m2 areal density

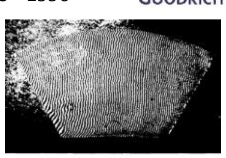
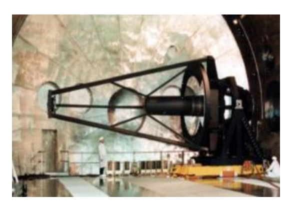


Fig. 12. Facesheet 3 final interferogram

ALOT Telescope - 1994

Optical Specifications

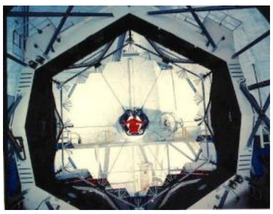
- 4 meter diameter
- Center & one Outer Petal
- 70 kg/m2 areal density
- Active Figure and Piston Control
  - Eddy Current
  - Wavefront Sensor

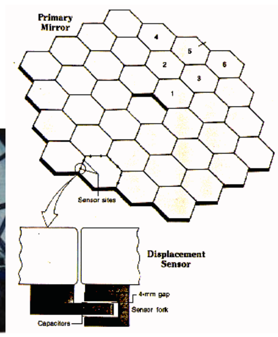


Phased two segment performance of 35 nm rms surface

Keck Telescope - 1992

10 meter diameter
36 segments
Capacitance Edge Sensors
Diffraction Limited ~ 10 micrometers

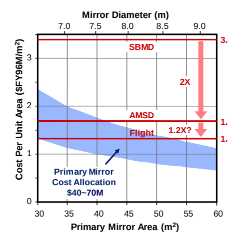


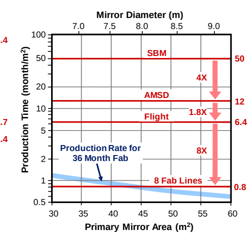


Programmatic Challenge of NGST

In 1996, the ability to affordably make NGST did not exist.

Substantial reductions in ability to rapidly and cost effectively manufacture low areal density mirrors were required.





Technical Challenges of NGST

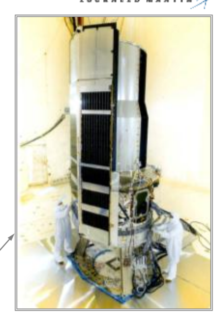
Assessment of pre-1996 state of art indicated that necessary mirror technology (as demonstrated by existing space, ground and laboratory test bed telescopes) was at TRL-3

1996 JWST Optical System Requirements State of Art

Parameter	JWST	Hubble	Spitzer	Keck	LAMP	Units
Aperture	8	2.4	0.85	10	4	meters
Segmented	Yes	No	No	36	7	Segments
Areal Density	20	180	28	2000	140	kg/m2
Diffraction Limit	2	0.5	6.5	10	Classified	micrometers
Operating Temp	<50	300	5	300	300	K
Environment	L2	LEO	Drift	Ground	Vacuum	Environment
Substrate	TBD	ULE Glass	I-70 Be	Zerodur	Zerodur	Material
Architecture	TBD	Passive	Passive	Hexapod	Adaptive	Control
First Light	TBD	1993	2003	1992	1996	First Light

The Spitzer Space Telescope

- Multi-purpose observatory cooled passively and with liquid-helium for astronomical observations in the infrared
- Launch in August 2003 for a 5+ year cryo mission in solar orbit, followed by 5-year "warm" mission
- Three instruments use state-of-the-art infrared detector arrays, 3-180um
- Provides a >100 fold increase in infrared capabilities over all previous space missions
- Completes NASA's Great Observatories
- An observatory for the community - 85% of observing time is allocated via annual Call for Proposal



Assembled SIRTF Observatory at Lockheed-Martin, Sunnyvale.
Key Characteristics:
Aperture – 85 cm
Wavelength Range - 3-to-180um
Telescope Temperature – 5.5K
Mass – 870kg
Height – 4m

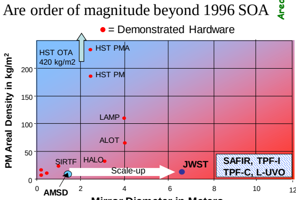
When I joined NASA is 1999, the over riding mantra for Space Telescopes was Areal Density, Cost & Schedule

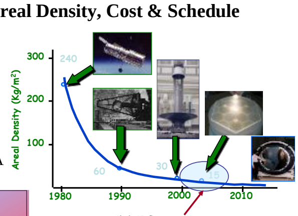
Challenges for Space Telescopes:

Areal Density to enable up-mass for larger telescopes.

Cost & Schedule Reduction.

Are order of magnitude beyond 1996 SOA





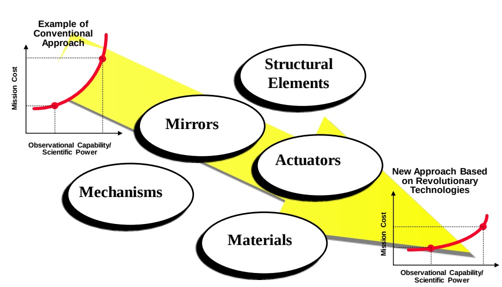
Primary Mirror	Time & Cost	
HST (2.4 m)	≈ 1 m²/yr	≈ $10M/m²
Spitzer (0.9 m)	≈ 0.3 m²/yr	≈ $10M/m²
AMSD (1.2 m)	≈ 0.7 m²/yr	≈ $4M/m²
JWST (8 m)	> 6 m²/yr	< $3M/m²

Note: Areal Cost in FY00 $

Although I've come to think that Stiffness and Areal Cost are more important

The Role of Technology

An aggressive $300M technology development program was initiated to change the cost paradigm for not only telescopes but also for detectors and instruments.



Mirror Technology Development

A systematic $40M+ development program was undertaken to build, test and operate in a relevant environment directly traceable prototypes or flight hardware:
- Sub-scale Beryllium Mirror Demonstrator (SBMD)
- NGST Mirror System Demonstrator (NMSD)
- Advanced Mirror System Demonstrator (AMSD)
- JWST Engineering Test Units (EDU)

Goal was to dramatically reduce cost, schedule, mass and risk for large-aperture space optical systems.

A critical element of the program was competition – competition between ideas and vendors resulted in:
- remarkably rapid TRL advance in the state of the art
- significant reductions in the manufacturing cost and schedule

It took 11 years to mature mirror technology from TRL 3 to 6.

Enabling Technology

It is my personal assessment that there was 4 key Technological Breakthroughs which have enabled JWST:

- O-30 Beryllium (funded by AFRL)
- Incremental Improvements in Deterministic Optical Polishing
- Metrology Tools (funded by MSFC)
  PhaseCAM Interferometer
  Absolute Distance Meter
- Advanced Mirror System Demonstrator Project (AMSD)
  funded by NASA, Air Force and NRO

Substrate Material

O-30 Beryllium enabled JWST

BRUSH WELLMAN ENGINEERED MATERIALS

Spitzer used I-70 Beryllium while JWST uses O-30 Beryllium.

O-30 Beryllium (developed by Brush-Wellman for Air Force in late 1980's early 1990's) has significant technical advantages over I-70 (per Tom Parsonage)

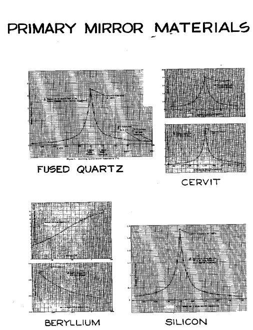
Because O-30 is a spherical power material:
- It has very uniform CTE distribution which results in a much smaller cryo-distortion and high cryo-stability
- It has a much higher packing density, thereby providing better shape control during HIP'ing which allows for the manufacture of larger blanks that what could be produced for Spitzer with I-70.

Because O-30 has a lower oxide content:
- It provides a surface quality unavailable to Spitzer, both in terms of RMS surface figure and also in scatter.

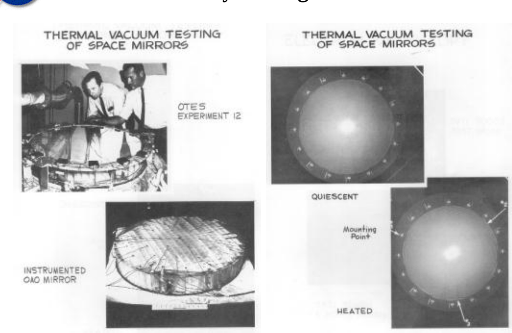
Ability to HIP meter class blanks demonstrated in late 1990's for VLT Secondary.

Full production capability in sufficient quantities for JWST on-line in 1999/2000.

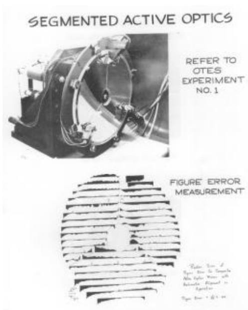
1960 Material Property Studies

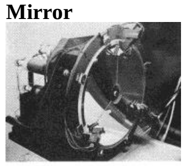


Thermal Stability was Significant Concern



Solution to Thermal Instability was Segmented Mirror

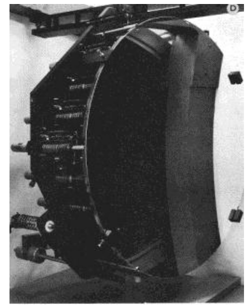




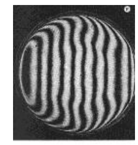
Segmented Mirror

Interferogram of Active Segmented Mirror
Active Segmented Optics

Other Solution to Thermal Problem was Active Mirror



30 Inch Diameter Thin Deformable Mirror



Final Solution was …

The final solution was to develop better mirror materials:

Cervit,
ULE,
Zerodur

which enabled a passive monolithic space telescope mirror

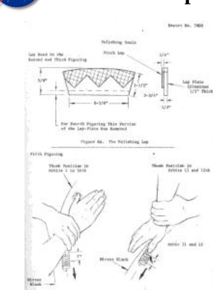
Mirrors:

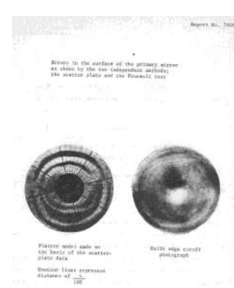
Substrate Technology & Optical Fabrication

Stratoscope II – Primary Mirror

36-Inch Diameter Stratoscope II Mirror
Solid Fused Silica Blank 7940 - Weight 400 Pounds

Stratoscope II – Optical Fabrication





Classical Fabrication Techniques - Shaped Laps and Hand Figuring

"Test of the Primary and Secondary Mirrors for Stratoscope II", Damant, Perkin-Elmer, Oct 1964.

OAO-B Primary Mirror

Fig. 1. View of the 38-inch GEP space telescope.

State of Art (6:1 solid blank) fused silica mirror would have had a mass of 310 kg (680 lbs).

Beryllium (S200B) thin meniscus (25:1) substrate with electroless nickel overcoat was fabricated. Its mass was 57 kg (125 lb). Its stiffness minimized gravity sag

"The Goddard Experiment Pacakage – an Automated Space Telescope", Mentz and Jackson,, Kollsman Instrument Corp, IEEE Transactions of Aerospace and Electronic Systems, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 253, March 1969

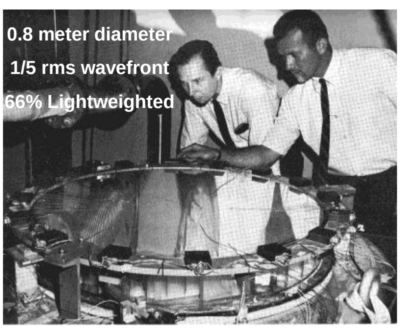
OAO-C Primary Mirror

Fig. 4 Primary mirror before coating.

NASA is developing lightweight Egg-Crate Glass Mirror Substrates

"Princeton Experiment Package for OAO-C", Norm Gundersen, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., J Spacecraft, Vol. 5, No. 4, pp. 383, April 1968.

OAO-C Primary Mirror



32 Inch Diameter OAO-C Princeton University Eggcrate Mirror (Thermal/Deformation Test Instrumentation)

Hubble Primary Mirror Fabrication 1979-81

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Start of Small Tool Computer Controlled Polishing (I saw this)

Spitzer (ITTT) PM Fabrication

GOODRICH

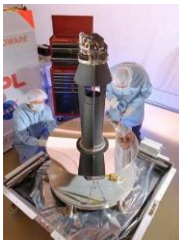
Spitzer PM Fabrication

GOODRICH

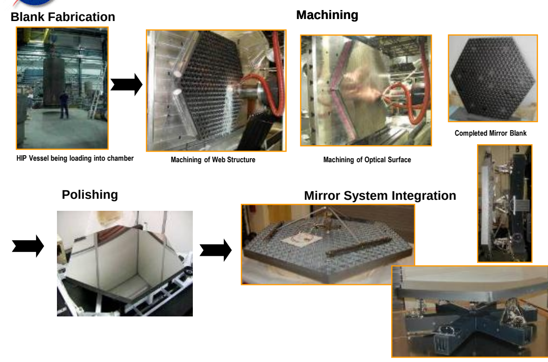
PM used Small Tool Computer Controlled Polishing

SM used Full Aperture Shaped Laps and Zonal Laps

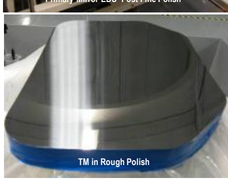
Spitzer Optical Telescope Assembly and Primary Mirror



JWST Mirror Manufacturing Process



Mirror Fabrication at L-3 SSG-Tinsley



Optical Testing

Optical Testing

you cannot make what you cannot measure

In 1999, the NGST program had a problem.

To produce cryogenic mirrors of sufficient surface figure quality, it was necessary to test large-aperture long-radius mirrors at 30K in a cryogenic vacuum chamber with a high spatial resolution interferometer.

The state of the art was temporal shift phase-measuring interferoemters, e.g. Zygo GPI and Wyko.

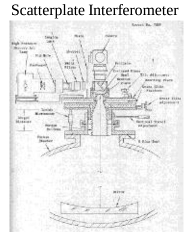
Spatial resolution was acceptable, but mechanical vibration made temporal phase-modulation impossible.

But this problem is nothing new …..

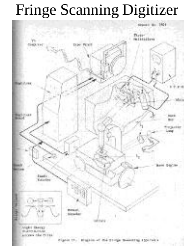
Stratoscope II – Optical Testing

One solution is common path interferometry

Scatterplate Interferometer



Fringe Scanning Digitizer



(And, in grad school I thought scatterplate interferometer was a laboratory curiosity.)

Testing support from J.M. Burch, A. Offner, J.C. Buccini and J. Houston

OAO-C also used scatter plate interferometry

"Test of the Primary and Secondary Mirrors for Stratoscope II", Damant, Perkin-Elmer, Oct 1964.

Hubble Testing

Another solution is short exposure time.

Hubble optical testing (at both Perkin-Elmer and Kodak) was performed with custom interferometers taking dozens of film images which were digitized to produce a surface map.

- Camera Shutter Speed ‘freezes’ vibration/turbulence
- PE used custom micro-densitometer and Kodak manually digitized
- PE tested in the vertical ‘Ice-Cream Cone’ vacuum chamber

Even in the 1990’s when I worked at PE (then Hughes) I would hand digitize meter class prints of interferograms.

Hubble Primary Mirror Optical Testing

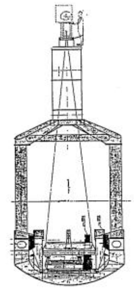
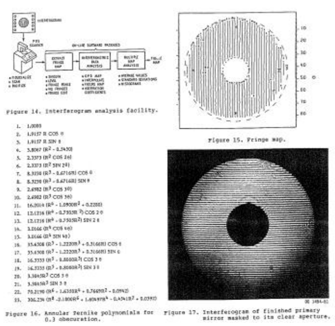


Figure 2. Primary mirror test configuration.

Montagnino, Lucian A., “Test and evaluation of the Hubble Space Telescope 2.4 meter primary mirror”, SPIE Vol. 571, pp. 182, 1985.

Hubble Interferogram Digitization & Analysis



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Spitzer Secondary Mirror Testing

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Another solution is structurally connect interferometer and test.

Spitzer (ITTT) Secondary Mirror Hindle Sphere Test Configuration using a Zygo GPI with Remote PMR Head.

PhaseCAM

At BRO, I designed, built and wrote the software for a 480 Hz common path phase-measuring Twyman-Green interferometer that was used to test all the Keck segments at ITEK.

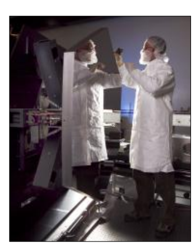
As I prepared to leave Danbury for NASA, I was visiting Metrolaser where I saw a breadboard device taking phase-maps of a candle flame.

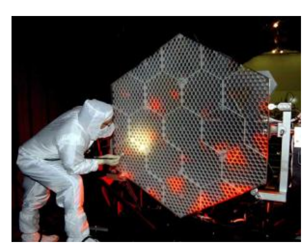
When I got to NASA I defined the specifications for and ordered the first PhaseCAM interferometer.

Today they are critical to JWST.

Tech Days 2001

Mirror Technology Development Program





Mirror Technology Development

Systematic Study of Design Parameters

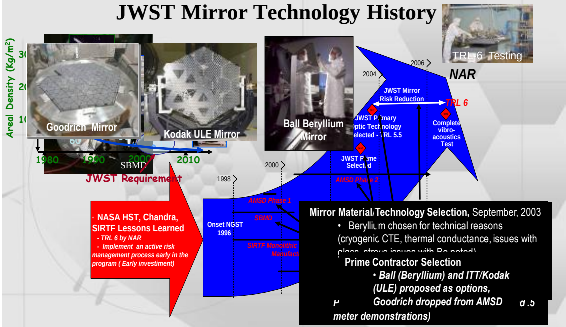
Item	SBMD	NMSD	AMSD
Form	Circle w Flat	Hex	Hex
Prescription	Sphere	Sphere	OAP
Diameter	>0.5 m	1.5 - 2 m	1.2 - 1.5 m
Areal Density	< 12+ kg/m2	<15 kg/m2	<15 kg/m2
Radius	20 m	15 m	10 m
PV Figure	160 nm	160/63 nm	250/100 nm
RMS Figure			50/25 nm
PV Mid (1-10 cm^{-1})	63 nm	63/32 nm	
RMS Finish	3/2 nm	2/1 nm	4 /2 nm

Mirror Technology Development

Wide Variety of Design Solutions were Studied

Item	SBMD	NMSD	AMSD
Substrate Material	Be (Ball)	Glass (UA) Hybrid (COI)	Be (Ball) ULE Glass (Kodak) Fused Silica (Goodrich)
Reaction Structure	Be	Composite	Composite (all)
Control Authority	Low	Low (COI) High (UA)	Low (Ball) Medium (Kodak) High (Goodrich)
Mounting	Linear Flexure	Bipods (COI) 166 Hard (UA)	4 Displacement (Ball) 16 Force (Kodak) 37 Bi/Ax-Flex (Goodrich)
Diameter	0.53 m	2 m (COI) 1.6 m (UA)	1.3 m (Goodrich) 1.38 m (Ball) 1.4 m (Kodak)
Areal Density	9.8+ kg/m2	13 kg/m2	15 kg/m2

JWST Mirror Technology History

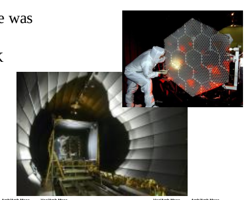


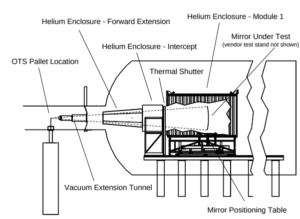
Based on lessons learned, JWST invested early in mirror technology to address lower areal densities and cryogenic operations

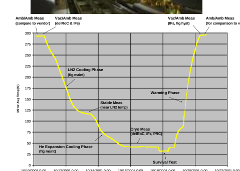
Performance Characterization

Ambient and Cryogenic Optical Performance was measured at XRCF.

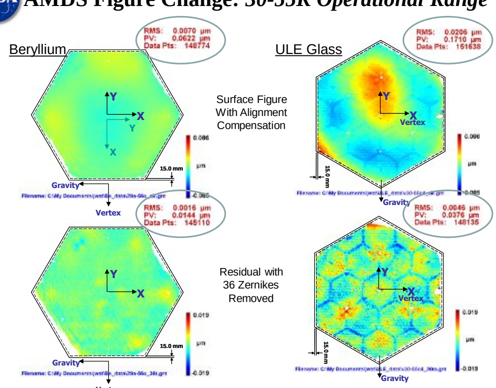
Each mirror tested multiple times below 30K







AMDS Figure Change: *30-55K Operational Range*



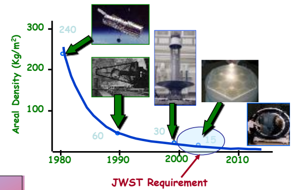
James Webb Space Telescope

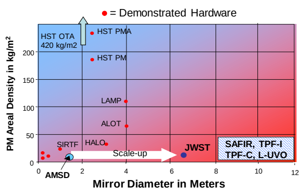
Passed PDR and NAR in April 2008

Mirror Technology Development - 2000

Challenges for Space Telescopes:

- Areal Density to enable up-mass for larger telescopes.
- Cost & Schedule Reduction.





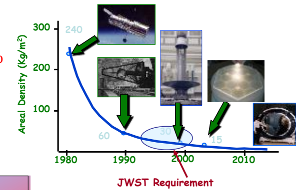
Primary Mirror	Time	& Cost
HST (2.4 m)	≈ 1 m^2/yr	≈ \$10M/m^2
Spitzer (0.9 m)	≈ 0.3 m^2/yr	≈ \$10M/m^2
AMSD (1.2 m)	≈ 0.7 m^2/yr	≈ \$4M/m^2
JWST (8 m)	> 6 m^2/yr	< \$3M/m^2

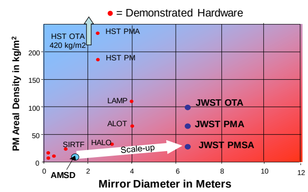
Note: Areal Cost in FY00 $

Mirror Technology Development 2010

Lessons Learned

- Mirror Stiffness (mass) is required to survive launch loads.
- Cost & Schedule Improvements are holding but need another 10X reduction for even larger telescopes





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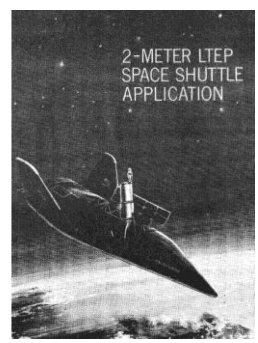
JWST (6.5 m)	≈ 5 m^2/yr	≈ \$6M/m^2

Note: Areal Cost in FY10 $

Chickens, Eggs and the Future

Was Shuttle designed to launch Great Observatories or were Great Observatories designed to be launched by the shuttle?



"Large Telescope Experiment Program (LTEP) Executive Summary", Alan Wissinger, April 1970

Design Synergy

Shuttle

- Payload Bay designed to deploy, retrieve and service spacecraft
- Robotic Arm for capturing and repairing satellites.

Mission Spacecraft

- Spacecraft designed to be approached, retrieved, and repaired
- Generic Shuttle-based carriers to berth and service on-orbit

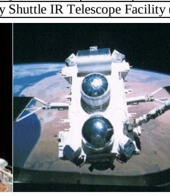
On-Orbit Satellite Servicing Concept, 1975

Chandra and Spitzer were originally intended to be serviceable.

Great Observatories designed for Shuttle

Hubble, Compton and Chandra were specifically designed to match Space Shuttle's payload volume and mass capacities.

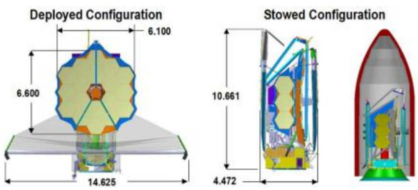
	Launch	Payload Mass	Payload Volume
Space Shuttle Capabilities		25,061 kg (max at 185 km) 16,000 kg (max at 590 km)	4.6 m x 18.3 m
Hubble Space Telescope	1990	11,110 kg (at 590 km)	4.3 m x 13.2 m
Compton Gamma Ray Observatory	1991	17,000 kg (at 450 km)	
Chandra X-Ray Telescope (and Inertial Upper Stage)	2000	22,800 kg (at 185 km)	4.3 m x 17.4 m
Spitzer was originally Shuttle IR Telescope Facility (SIRTF)			



Launch Vehicles Continue to Drive Design

Similarly, JWST is sized to the Capacities of Ariane 5

	Payload Mass	Payload Volume
Ariane 5	6600 kg (at SE L2)	4.5 m x 15.5 m
James Webb Space Telescope	6530 kg (at SE L2)	4.47 m x 10.66 m



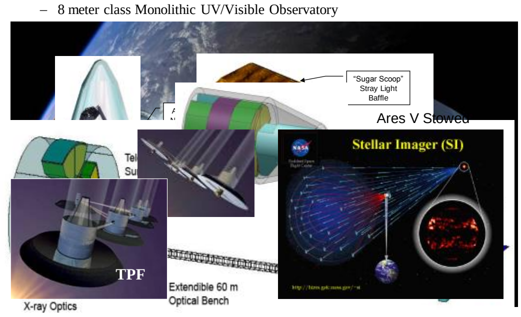
And now the FUTURE …..

A Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle would be a Disruptive Capability which would offers the potential for completely new Mission Concepts

SLS Changes Paradigms

SLS Mass & Volume enable entirely new Mission Architectures:

– 8 meter class Monolithic UV/Visible Observatory



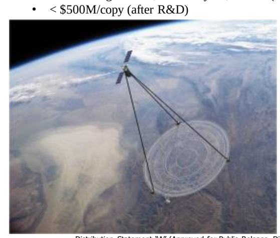
And now for something completely different ….

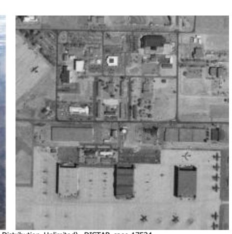
Giant Telescopes without mirrors

MOIRE 20 meter Diffractive Telescope

Design Reference Mission Performance Goals

- Persistence – 24/7
- Missile launch detection & vehicle tracking
- Ground Sample Distance -- ~ 1m
- Visible/IR Video @ > 1 Hz
- Field of View > 100 sq km
- Field of Regard – 15,000 km by 15,000 km (without slewing)
- < $500M/copy (after R&D)





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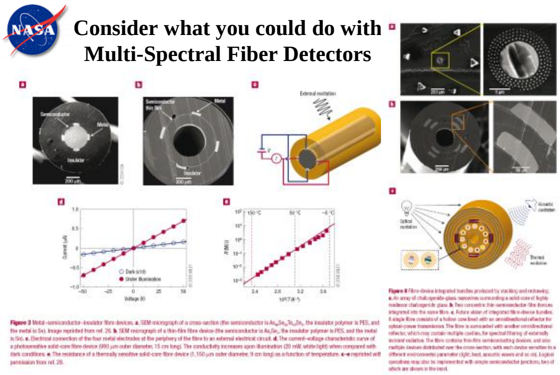
Consider what you could do with Multi-Spectral Fiber Detectors



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Computed Axial Tomography Astronomy (Astro-CAT)

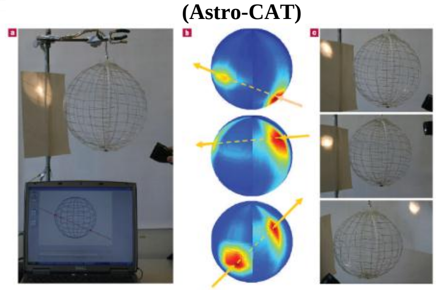

Figure 2 Omnidirectional light detection. a, A closed spherical fibre web is an omnidirectional photodetector which detects the direction of the beam throughout a solid angle of 4π. The spherical web is sufficiently transparent to see through and for a beam of light to traverse unimpeded. b, The distribution of the electrical signals detected by the fibres for a light beam incident in three different directions. The arrows indicate the direction of the beams, and the dashed portion of each arrow corresponds to the beam's path inside the sphere. c, Photographs of the three beam trajectories that resulted in the signal distributions shown in b.

Abouraddy, et al., "Large-scale optical-field measurements with geometric fibre constructs", Nature Materials, Vol 5, pp.532, July 2006.

Any Question?